

Passage Master

Name: _____ Kristie Lee _____ Meeting # 1 Pages: ~50

Literature Circle's Name: _____

Locate three passages of the story that your group should reread, discuss, and think about.

During Your Group Meeting, Do the Following:

1. Make sure everyone opens to the right page and help them find where the passage begins.
2. Either read it aloud yourself, have everyone read it silently, or ask someone to read it.

A CONTROVERSIAL EVENT can be found on page 5 , paragraph 6 .

Summary:

A friend of the narrator, Lindsay, is in 4th grade in the narrator's memory. Lindsay announces in front of all the other students that another girl the narrator knew, Vicky, will no longer be on her dodgeball team. She states that Vicky is too "fat" to be on her team, and that anyone could easily hit her with the ball since she is so big. From this, Vicky is extremely embarrassed, while everyone else including the narrator is laughing at her.

Analysis (What does this mean?):

The narrators states in the beginning of the novel, that when she has come to her final moment, or her death, she did not think of anything else that she has gone through in her life, but what she has done to Vicky. By looking at this passage, you can see that the narrator was also a part of the crowd that made fun of Vicky, hurting her verbally. It seems that she truly regrets that fact that she became one of those that degraded Vicky and felt guilty.

A CONFUSING passage can be found on page 12 , paragraph Last one . ("....Just before.....")

Summary:

The narrator's friend, Mary J. Blige states that she does not want any more dramas at school as they are walking down the hallway. As she is talking, the narrator pictures herself kissing her prom date and a boyfriend, Rob. She feels extremely happy just by thinking about it.

Analysis (This could mean):

An IMPORTANT PASSAGE can be found on page ____13____, paragraph ____4____.

Summary:

The writer vaguely has an idea that looking “cool” at school and hanging out with pretty girls won’t matter when she looks back at the past in the future, or when she goes to college. However, she still mentions how some of the “cool” kids hold the 80% of the cards in her school if high school was a game poker.

Analysis (This is important because...):

This passage shows that the writer realizes that she does not have to try so hard to be “popular” and “cool.” However, she still tries to be close to pretty and popular girls even if she does know that is is not important. This shows how high school students tend to care a lot about their popularity as well as coolness even if they know that it is not anything important in the future.